

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 24, 2017 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch  
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 372, 2/24/2017; HB 376, 2/24/2017  
Executive Action: HB 372, HB 376

**HEARING ON HB 376****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:41 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 376, Establish public charter schools.

00:02:13 Rep. Dudik joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:36 Rep. McCarthy  
00:06:26 Rep. Woods  
00:06:48 Rep. Windy Boy  
00:08:15 Rep. Woods  
00:08:51 Rep. Windy Boy  
00:09:06 Rep. Patelis joined the meeting

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:09:25 Rep. Windy Boy

**HEARING ON HB 372****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:24 Rep. Alan Doane (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 372, Revise leave laws affecting certain community college staff.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:13 Rep. Burnett  
00:12:27 Rep. Doane  
00:12:56 Chair Ballance

**EXHIBIT(aph41b01)**

00:14:06 Rep. Burnett  
00:14:44 Rep. Doane  
00:15:21 Rep. Burnett  
00:15:37 Shauna Albrecht, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:16:20 Vice Chair McCarthy  
00:16:35 Rep. Woods  
00:16:53 Rep. Ellis

00:17:43 Shauna Albrecht, LFD  
00:18:21 Rep. Woods  
00:19:23 Rep. Doane  
00:20:01 Rep. Burnett  
00:20:19 Rep. Ellis  
00:20:46 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:21:16 Rep. Doane  
  
00:21:56 Vice Chair McCarthy  
00:23:28 Chair Ballance  
00:25:10 Joe Triem, LFD  
00:27:24 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:27:29 Vice Chair McCarthy  
00:28:04 Chair Ballance  
00:28:14 Joe Triem, LFDs  
00:29:55 Rep. Cook  
00:30:10 Chair Ballance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 372**

00:30:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 372 DO PASS**. Motion carried 19-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Keane, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Lynch and Rep. Peppers voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 376**

00:32:18 Rep. Hamlett arrived  
  
00:32:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 376 DO PASS**. Motion carried 13-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Lynch and Rep. Peppers voted by proxy.  
  
00:34:26 Rep. Cook  
  
00:35:20 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 332 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE**.

**Discussion:**

00:35:41 Rep. Cook  
  
00:36:24 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-14 by roll call vote with Rep. Cook, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Holmlund, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Knokey and Rep. Patelis voting aye. Rep. Lynch and Rep. Peppers were excused.

**Committee Business:**

00:38:00 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:38:56

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Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph41bad.pdf](#))**